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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Fernando PATOLSKY, et al. Conf. No.: 9431
Appl. No.: 10/566,078 Examiner: TBD
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For: **OPTICAL DETECTION OF ANALYTES BY USE OF SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits for the national phase application under 35 USC 371, filed on January 27, 2006, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

A Conclusion appears at page 4 of this paper.